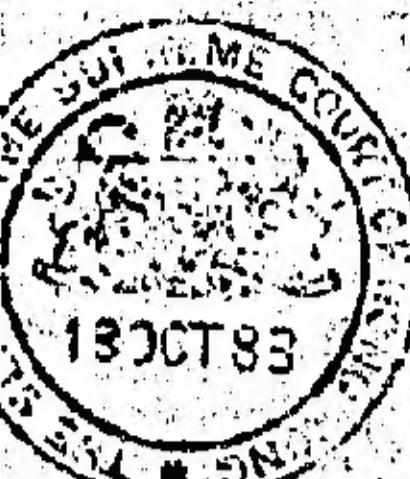


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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

FROM this date Messrs. RUSSELL & CO. will conduct our Business at this port and all Communications should be addressed to them.
Messrs. RUSSELL & CO. will also Act as Agents at this port for our line of Steamers.
GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.
Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and EXPOSURE of Mr. G. A. GROSSMANN in our Firm ceased on the 31st August, 1883.
GROSSMANN & CO.
Hongkong, September 1, 1883.

NOTICE.

M. RUTTONAGE DADABHOY
TATA is authorized to Sign our
Firm from this date.
TATA & CO.
1st October, 1883.

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JAMES C. ELLES.
Amoy, 1st May, 1883.

Intimations.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of the PROFITS Reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the Thirty-first day of October next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, August 16, 1883.

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IN HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SUPREME COURT FOR CHINA AND JAPAN.

IN ADMIRALTY.

THE BRITISH BARQUINTINE "MOUNT LEBANON," NELSON, MASTER

Shanghai, the 2nd day of October, 1883.

WHEREAS, a Cause of Damage has been instituted in this Court, on behalf of the Owner of the British Steamship "Peking" against the British Barquentine "Mount Lebanon," her TACKLE, APPAREL and FURNITURE, and the CARGO now or lately laden therein, and the Freight due for the Transportation thereof, now lying at Whampoa in the Canton River, under arrest by virtue of a Warrant issued from the said Court. This is to give Notice to all Persons having or CLAIMING to have any right title or INTEREST in this said Vessel, her TACKLE, APPAREL and FURNITURE, and the CARGO now or lately therein, and the Freight due for the Transportation thereof, that if an appearance in the said Cause be not entered within fourteen days from date hereof, the JUDGMENT of the said Court will proceed to determine the said Cause or to make such Order therein, as to him shall seem right.

(Seal).

[Seal]

HONGKONG RACE FUND.

THE Annual General MEETING of the MEMBERS will be held on FRIDAY, the 12th Instant, at 4.30 p.m., at the HONGKONG CLUB.

By Order,

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, October 8, 1883.

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THE HONGKONG STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the OFFICE of the Undersigned, on SATURDAY, the 13th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., in accordance with the Provisions of Ordinances 1 of 1877.

WILLIAM LEGGE,
Acting Secretary.

Dated the 4th day of October.

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Hongkong, August 16, 1883.

NOTICE.

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Tea and Silk from Canton (transhipment at H.K.) 21s. 10s.

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Goods for New York via Suez Canal, & over rates to London.

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THE Undersigned will return to each Insurer through them 33 1/3 % of any profit there may be on his account for the 12 month ending the 30th April in each year. In the first settlement, only transactions initiated between this date and the 30th April next will be included.

The settlement will be made so soon as the risks covered in each period have run off, and will be based on the difference between Net Premium received, and Losses and Claims paid.

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Hongkong, October 4, 1883.

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Amoy, 1st May, 1883.

Intimations.

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More on the Origin of the Arabic Numerals.

Su Tung Po in Hainan.

Opium and the Smoking Extract.

Notices of New Books and Literary Institutions.

Correspondence.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

To Contributors.

Hongkong, September 28, 1883.

Good BOOKKEEPER, who has a few spare hours in the early morning, would be glad to take charge of a Set of Accounts. Terms very moderate.

Address—“M. M. B.” c/o, China Mail Office.

Hongkong, August 24, 1883.

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Hongkong, July 10, 1883.

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Hongkong, October 3, 1883. oc12

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within six months, will be allowed a discount of

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will be issued at a discount of 25% from

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to through fares from China and Japan to

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Freight will be received on board until 4

p.m. on the 12th Oct. Parcel Packages

will be received at the office until 5 p.m.,

same day; all Parcel Packages should be

marked to address in full; value of same is

required.

For further particulars, apply at the

Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, October 5, 1883. oc13

NEWS FOR HOME.

The *Overland China Mail*.

(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)

PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE

IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely

printed matter.

THIS Mail Summary is compiled from

the Daily *China Mail*, is published

twice monthly on the morning of the</p

His Highness the Sultan and Government of Selangor have transmitted, says the *Straits Times*, £2,500 through H. E. the Governor towards the relief fund in Batavia. Mr A. P. Cameron, H. B. M. Consul in Java, in a letter to the Governor on the subject, informs His Excellency that he has been asked by the Central Committee to convey their "warm thanks" to Selangor for its "generous contribution."

The case against Captain Rowley, of the steamer *Petikan*, for failing to supply his passengers with proper food during the voyage from England, were concluded in the Water Police Court, Sydney, on the 3rd ulto. In eighteen out of the nineteen prosecutions instituted, the bench gave damages against the defendant, ranging from £3 to £12, besides an additional £20 compensation in each case. A prohibition has been applied for.—*Queenslander*.

At the intercolonial Postal Conference says the Melbourne Argus, hold in Sydney at the beginning of the year, it was decided by a majority of the Australian Colonies represented to join the Postal Union on condition that each of the Colonies should be accorded a vote in the proceedings of the Union, so as to protect their interests and to prevent them being injuriously affected by the voting power of States which had no marine postal service to maintain.

I copy the following from the advertisement columns of a London daily paper:—"A Lady wishes to recommend another Lady who, through no fault of her own, has become in distressed circumstances, thinking that if 1,000 benevolent persons were each to subscribe £10, it would place her again in affluent circumstances." It seems to me that this is true cool. £10,000 for a strange lady in distress is rather too much to ask the public for. With such a sum a charity could be founded which might keep the lady in question and several more besides.—*Truth*.

The growing consumption of opium mineral waters has brought down upon the consumers the denunciations of the League. "Drum drinking is bad, and excessive tea drinking is bad, but we think that medical man may say a word now and then against indiscriminate opium drinking. As opium is not, as many think, a cure for every little malady that flesh is heir to, and to introduce an opium as a feature of one's daily diet is not a step that should be lightly undertaken. Many of these waters are excellent and are of great service; but it would be well if their use were a little more under the control of those who are best acquainted with their action."

The London World of 5th September contains the following:—
Last mail brings tidings from Uncle Rufus Hatch's "manager," as the Americans call the festive picknickers. They were at Chinchay, quartered in the "Palmer House." The original party had swollen to eighty, made up of all nations, including a Turk. I am not sure there is not a Zulu. They were ageing fairly well, but naturally had taken up into cliques. It seems Uncle Rufus' little game is, "salt" the world thus for a big hotel he is going to build right in the focus of the Yellowtown Country. It is proposed to have the Great Geyser in the interior courtyard.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Sardeson*, says the *Straits Times*, which is now encrusted at Singapore by three or four days, left Liverpool on the 22nd August last on her usual voyage to the Straits and China, and according to a telegram to hand yesterday evening (Oct. 1st) from Penang, she had arrived off Mukah Head with her main shaft broken. She is expected to reach Penang harbour about noon to-day (Oct. 2nd) in tow of the Co.'s steamer *Mercury* to Singapore and there get all her repairs done. The Company keep always spare gear at all their head stations, and the detention is therefore likely to be short.

This following despatch relative to addresses presented to the late Sir Arthur Kennedy has been received by the Acting Governor of Queensland from the Colonial Office:—
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the late Sir A. Kennedy's despatch, No. 41, of the 23rd April last, transmitting copies of addresses which were presented to him on the occasion of his retirement from the Government of Queensland. I have observed with satisfaction the appreciation expressed by the various classes of the community of the services rendered to the colony by Sir Arthur Kennedy, the intelligence of whose death, of Adon, on his homeward voyage, I received with much regret. (Signed) Derby.

The native post-offices in the settlements, in addition to forwarding letters, take charge of money and parcels for all parts of China, and as a rule there are very few complaints of packages failing to reach their destination. We heard of one case, however, where a man sent £5 in a letter to his wife at Ningpo. After a fortnight, he wrote to his husband saying he had not received any reply from him lately. He immediately went to the native post office in Kinkang Road, and enquired what had become of the £5 he handed in to be forwarded to his wife. The post-office people, however, were only told him that the dollars had been spent by the officer to pay expenses, and that as soon as they had done so, they would pay him back the amount they had used. This did not satisfy the sender, and he placed the matter in the hands of the Police.—N.C. D. N.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Ceylon Observer gives the following information regarding North Borneo:—"I hear the officials of the Sarawak Government have contributed £100 in memory of poor Collins; a seeing that there are not many of them in Borneo, the collection of such a sum shows how much he was appreciated." Messrs Robertson and Jeffreys leave by this mail for Borneo as surveyors under the Sarawak Government. Mrs Jeffreys accompanies her husband. Messrs Finsen and Van Eyck also proceed to Borneo by same steamer as Australian Surveyors in Government service. Mr Doherty writes in good spirits, and says he is in capital health. He had just returned to Singapore, after accompanying the gentleman sent by a Melbourne Syndicate to select land in Borneo for sugar-planting."

NOTES FROM THE METROPOLIS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, Sept. 7.

A tremendous gale burst over England on Sunday last. Telegrams from all parts tell of the terrible results. The records of wrecks all round the coast are coming in and some of them are heart-rending in their details, one vessel being beached as a last resource. All the crew were saved except one man. He was plainly visible to the spectators on shore, resting on a piece of timber, about a quarter of a mile off. Effort after effort was made to throw him a line by means of rockets, but the wind was too powerful. To launch a boat was utterly impossible, and, after the poor fellow had fought with the seas for two hours and a half, he was seen by the agonized onlookers to let go the piece of timber, utterly exhausted. Eastbourne suffered greatly. The doors and windows of all houses near the sea front were strongly barricaded. The part of the town adjoining the Marine Parade is under water. At Sandgate, one part of the town was entirely cut off from the other, the people returning from church having to be conveyed to their homes in boats. The damage to fruit has been enormous. In my small garden, where half a dozen apple and pear trees had a gallant crop ready for picking, nearly half was blown to the ground.

The first of the refrigerator cars sent for fish to Scotland by the Fish League, Limited, arrived in London with 60 baskets of herrings in fine condition, and were sold in Columbia market at from 2d to 3d per dozen. This is the first time that fresh herrings have been brought to London from the extreme north of Scotland, and the success of the experiment opens up a new source of food supply to the working classes of the metropolis.

Burglar scars have their humorous side, and I doubt not that Mr Alfred Charles Stebbing will not for a long time to come hear the last of his defence of his household goods. Deep in dead of night he heard his dog Carlo barking and some-one endeavouring to pacify it. He did not pause, and he did not hesitate, but wrapping a sheet round his manly form, and arming himself with his revolver, he boldly went down to the garden door, and, after a short parley, heckled the supposed burglar: "Can you see this," showing his trustworthy weapon. "No," was the reply. "Then you will hear it, and two shots were fired in rapid succession. The police appeared, the intruder was given into custody, but when brought before the bench it was shown that the burglar was a gardener whose employer gave him an excellent character, and who was proceeding homewards carrying two bags in most peaceful fashion, when, not knowing the neighbourhood, he mistook his way and thus figured as a desperate housebreaker.

Some men cutting corn at Plumstead lately were attacked by a swarm of insects, which they at first thought were gnats. An old sailor at work tying the corn, however, at once declared them to be mosquitoes, and they were with difficulty driven off. They are supposed to have come from a ship lying of Woolwich.

One of the most extraordinary escapes I have heard of occurred on the Cheshire Lines Railway a short time back. An officer and his prisoner rode in a first class compartment, and the train was going at full speed. Suddenly, the prisoner made a clear dive, head foremost, through the open window, and was seen splashing along for some distance by the side of the rails. When recaptured it was found that he was uninjured, save from a slight scratch on his face.

The daily papers tell us very often of the "confidence trick" being played with varying success, and in these cases always come to light in the police reports; it is well to speculate how many people are duped who never bring their deceivers to book. One would think that the "ring" trick was ancient enough, but still it seems to flourish still. When men about town have been victimised, it is not surprising that countrymen are taken in. A friend of mine, who knows London well and his wife, was offered a ring in the usual manner, and although he knew the trick, yet catching sight of the hall mark, he parted with two sovereigns, and found too late that the mark was as false as the ring. To-day's paper relates of a journeyman carpenter who had lately come to London for work when a man picked up what appeared to be a diamond and rubby ring. He was too poor to keep it, and asked three pounds for it. The confederate at that juncture appeared on the scene, and at once recognized the ring as of great value which he imparted to the dupe in a whisper aside. Not having the money about him, the carpenter gave his watch and chain, with the usual result.

A short time back, I reported upon the stables of William L. Vanderbilt, built on royal proportions and fitted up in a manner that would put to shame the palaces of many a European Sovereign. Now Mr Jay Gould, the other American Croesus, is building what he calls a "mortality chapel," destined to hold his diminutive corpse, when he throws off this mortal coil.

It is an enormous edifice of giant stone, and will be talked about in the four quarters of the globe, which doubtless Mr Gould is not unwilling that it should be.

Kate Vaughan has severed her connection with the Gaiety Theatre. She leaves London on the 10th September for a ten weeks' starting tour through the provinces, beginning at Plymouth and working North. The

pique de resistance is Cinderella and it runs well. The two pages are delicious.

There once was a person named Biggs. Not famed for the grace of his figure. He shouted "Here Me!" Old G'd end is near. And grinned like a blighty nigger.

One of the latest advertising swindles is an announcement of a new musical instrument which will play any number of tunes, and anyone totally unacquainted with music can use it. The price is two shillings. When this sum is forwarded, by return of a tiny box received, and inside, neatly packed on a red cotton mat, is a Jew's harp with the following directions: "Place the harp between the teeth and draw the first finger of the right hand across the vibrating standard, breathing the melody you wish to produce gently on or against the bar. Any person with average intellect can in a few hours master the most difficult piece of music."

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We are treated to a most graphic account of Mrs Langtry's departure from the shores of America, and Mr Frederic Gobbiardi, who has monopolised a good deal of the "Lily's" attractions. In utter despair he hung to the quay side, as the vessel moved quickly away, refusing to be comforted. We shall have an opportunity of seeing this champion lady-killer, as he intends coming over in the Autumn.

London is still rife upon the subject of cabfares. There is doubtless something radically wrong. Men go out at eight in the morning, and return at eleven at night, bringing with them a wretched shilling or eighteenpence over and above what they must hand over to their masters. From my observations, there are too many cabmen of one class. We have to pay the same tariff for a spruce andatty "Forder," as we do for a dilapidated, dirty, defective, and dangerous "Shandrydian," drawn by a wretched scree and driven by an untrained numpty. There are a large number of men who, like the speculative lie, and if they would not cut their own throats by objecting with crushing effect to an attempt to put a higher classed vehicle on the streets, the difficulty might be arranged by something being done to establish a first, second and third class of cabs like the different classes on the railways.

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A friend of mine, a perfect dancer, has been lately staying at Tamby. In the light fantastic entertainments given there he found the form very poor, but for the general good he did his fair share of partaking. It was a little rough on him though when one young lady of ample proportions, who was better than the rest, patronizingly told him: "Really, Mr B., you dance rather

well, and if you stayed here longer, we might soon look upon you as one of our best men."

Mr W. Hutchison's "Elfin on the Rhine" is the popular air of the day. Every street boy sings it, every organ and band play it. Without doubt Mr Hutchison is a clever popular composer.

Last Sunday, I beheld the Dogman (of Sporting Times celebrity) in the flesh. I happened to enquire who certain individual was with several fine specimens of the bulldog tribe around him. He was not a Professor of Medicine to join him shortly. Mr Hart is about to build a hospital to be carried on in connection with his mission work, having received ten thousand pounds for so good a purpose. Then, at the end of three months (or earlier if I get the amount needed), I will publish a list of subscribers in the *Queenslander*. When we consider what we owe to these gentlemen whom our beloved Queen sends to represent her, I am sure I shall not act in vain. They are men of education—of rich and varied culture, and of great worldly experience—raised in many lands, and under many conditions of life. It is not so much by what they say or do that we must estimate what they are, as by what they do. I notice in one of the reports of cricket matches a player given out "obstructing the field." It is rare now-a-days you see this. I remember being given out by the same decision years ago. I blocked a ball, and in forgetfulness picked it up, as it lay at my feet.

Police Intelligence.
(Before Capt. H. G. Thomas, R.N.)

Wednesday, Oct. 10.

DETENTION OF A YOUNG GIRL IN A BROTHEL.

Li a Mu, the mistress of a licensed brothel in Square Street, was charged with having a child over 8 and under 15 years of age in her brothel on the 10th inst. Inspector Leo gave evidence as to finding the girl in defendant's brothel. Defendant, who stated that the girl was servant in the house, was fined £20 or 21 days imprisonment with hard labour.

LARCENY.

Yung a Sing, a carpenter, was convicted of stealing four chisels and a hammer, value £2, the property of Le Kong Sing, a stone-cutter on the 10th inst, and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

ROGUE AND VAGABOND.

A Ferrante, an Italian seaman, was sent to gaol for 14 days with hard labour as a rogue and vagabond, for looting about the Colony and begging for a living. Defendant stated that he was unable to get a ship.

ASSAULT.

Li Sing and Chan Ayau, man and wife, appeared on a summons, charged with assaulting Jamasie I'stiorje, broker, of 32 Fettering Street, on the 7th inst. Complainant stated that defendant lived on the top floor of the same house in which he resided on the second floor. At noon on the 7th inst, while complainant was taking his dinner, the two defendants came into the room with two other men, not in custody. The first defendant struck him with his fist on the ribs, and second defendant pushed him down on the ground, while the two other men also struck him with their fists. Complainant believed that defendants attacked him because they wanted him to leave the house, as they were in the habit of gambling in their rooms. On a former occasion, defendant had dropped dirty water down into his room while he was at his dinner. The second defendant stated that complainant was a Mahomedan and objected to her bringing pork into the house. Defendants were bound over in the sum of £10 each (personal) to keep the peace for 6 weeks.

A DESERTER.

John Kaine, seaman, was charged with desertion from his ship on the 8th inst. Evidence was given by P. A. Gutierrez, shipping officer, to the effect that defendant signed on the articles of the S. S. *Nestor* on the 8th inst, at noon, and should have been on board at 5 p.m., but did not turn up. The vessel sailed on the 9th without defendant, who had drawn an advance of £5.33 cents. The defence made by the prisoner was that he was drunk. Sentenced to one month's imprisonment for wilfully remaining behind.

HOUSE-BREAKING.

Lo A-un, a hawker, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour for breaking into a carpenter's shop in Wing Fung Street and stealing some angles, screws and nails, worth about 8s, on the 6th inst.

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